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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Views on the "1984 Act to Combat
International Terrorism"

1. On 12 October, OMB requested the views of the Agency on H.R. 6311, which contains various proposals to combat international terrorism. This legislation, among other things, provides for monetary rewards to individuals who provide information leading to the arrest of persons engaged in international terrorism or prevention of acts of terrorism against the U.S.; directs the State Department to review its approach to providing security against terrorism and transmit a report to the Congress early next year on its findings; and provides funding for enhanced security measures. Since the Agency did not receive OMB's request for views until 15 October, OMB requested an immediate response since the legislation needed to be sent to the President on that day.

2. After reviewing the legislation, I found nothing objectionable in it from the Agency's perspective, and so informed Tracy Lawler, who is the OMB referent in this matter.

3. This anti-terrorism legislation was part of a larger package of anti-terrorist legislation that the Administration introduced earlier in the year. While the Agency had no objections to providing a reward to informers who provide information on international terrorism, we were concerned about other DOJ proposals which would have made it illegal to conspire within the U.S. to murder, kidnap or maim an individual outside the U.S. While the Agency does not, of course, engage in murder, kidnapping or maiming, in certain exceptional circumstances properly authorized special activities conducted by the Agency could result in personal injury of the type addressed by the DOJ proposal. Because of these concerns and concerns expressed by other agencies, this

proposal was never sent forward. The legislation which finally did pass does not raise similar concerns since it merely provide\ for rewards to individuals who provide information on international terrorism, and does not extend or otherwise affect U.S. criminal jurisdiction over such acts.

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